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## The indispensables

President Carter has expressed dissatisfaction with the way the CIA performed in Iran.

The Khomeini revolution seemed to come as almost a complete surprise, and so Carter called his old Navy friend, Admiral Turner, the CIA director, on the presidential carpet.

Turner wasn't wholly to blame, however. Much of the damage had already been done to the CIA when he took over, although he further demoralized the agency by cutting its clandestine services deeply and turning many of its experienced spies out in the cold.

Turner appears to have fallen into the trap of thinking that the miraculous technological spying equipment developed in recent years has made human spies obsolete.

Perhaps such thinking has been a natural outgrowth of a period when congressional investigations and a presidential commission have turned the American public against spying and have made offensive to many Americans the very idea of espionage or political intrigue.

It is in this climate that America is being subjected to one unpleasant surprise after another.

The climate must be changed, our spying apparatus made effective again.

However offensive spying may be to many Americans, it's absolutely essential to our survival.

Satellites and long-range radar or radio equipment can tell us when a potential enemy moves his armies, or his tanks, when he tests his missiles and when his warships sail.

But even the most advanced technological miracles cannot tell us what our enemy is thinking, who he is talking to, what he's saying, what he's planning.

For that kind of information, we need people — human spies.

For them there is no substitute.

We are paying dearly for the failure of our intelligence in Iran, in the Horn of Africa, in China.

We must not be caught again with our spies down.